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Our Wellington

Your free guide to
life in the capital
1 September–
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Kia ora koutou

Rejoice, reimagine and return - the theme for World of WearableArt (WOW) 2021 captures this wonderful show, as well as the transformation and new life of spring.

This edition of *Tō Tātou Pōneke Our Wellington* showcases the natural environment. In a world where humanity is putting the environment and other species under unsustainable pressure, we can all be very proud of the restoration journey Wellington has been on for nearly 30 years.

It is no accident, but built on the vision and action of our community - acquiring and protecting the land that is now our Outer Green Belt, creating our world leading eco sanctuary Zealandia, embarking on ambitious control and now elimination of introduced predators.

Our Miramar Peninsula is possum and mustelid free and on the verge of being the world's first major urban area to become rat free. Stage 2 of Predator Free Wellington's work covering Island Bay to the city is now underway with already well over 2,000 households signed up.

In July we recognised the two millionth tree planted in our restoration programme. This is the sustained work of many people and organisations working with your Council. We see and hear the results of this fantastic mahi every day with increasing native bird life.

Among the events highlighted in this edition is Conservation Week - and what better time to start working to make an even bigger difference. We encourage every Wellingtonian to get involved, to get your hands dirty, trap, weed, plant, and join a local community reserve or trapping group.

You'll be part of creating a positive, lasting transformation, and the evidence clearly shows you'll be healthier and happier as a result of time spent in and caring for nature, and with like minded positive people.

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To find out your collection days, how to get a new green crate or wheelie bin, and information about what you can and can't recycle, visit wellington.govt.nz/rubbishandrecycling



Get help keeping it clean and green

We support numerous environmental organisations like Mountain To Sea, Sustainable Coastlines and Bubblebusters, which work with volunteers to keep our coastlines clear and clean. We provide grants for environmental groups, as well as free bags, gloves and collections for community clean-ups. Get in touch by emailing info@wcc.govt.nz



Switch out weeds for natives

Many of the weedy species that are invading and damaging our natural areas are ornamental plants that have 'jumped the fence' from gardens and gone wild. Check out the Plant Me Instead Wellington edition to avoid some of the culprits. Visit tinyurl.com/w7xue69w



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If you see Council property that needs fixing - such as a streetlight, leaking pipe, or public toilet - you can phone us on 04 499 4444, text us on 3400, or use the FIXiT app on your smartphone. It's free to download from the Google Play store, iTunes store, or Windows. Visit wellington.govt.nz/fixit

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Want to stay up-to-date with the latest news from our city and Council? Check out *Our Wellington* online, our news channel which is full of stories about our people, places, friends and our city. Visit wellington.govt.nz/ourwellington

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Wā tākaro Playtime

Make the most of spring in the capital by visiting the new extension of the Matairangi Nature Trail with the tamariki!

We've recently completed the extension of the Matairangi Nature Trail on Mount Victoria. We may be biased, but we think it's pretty awesome. To confirm this, we asked some seasoned play experts to give the new trail a whirl.

Guided by a friendly piwakawaka (fantail), Papili, Adrian, and Sethunya enjoyed a fun afternoon exploring, imagining, and playing, and they ultimately gave the trail the all-important seal of approval.

Stage Two of the Nature Trail ventures down under a canopy of leaves, where you'll bump into some exciting native creatures. From the shy pekapeka (short-tailed bat) to the sparkly titiwai (glow worms), these sneaky creatures prefer to move about under the cover of night.



Venture a little further and you'll meet titipounamu (the rifleman) and kōura (freshwater crayfish) hiding between the stones. These aren't the only friends you'll meet along the way, but you'll need to keep your eyes peeled to spot them.

Along the trail there are several play stations, all created using natural materials to blend in with the environment. You'll encounter stepping logs, balancing beams, a wobbly bridge, and all sorts of other fun challenges.

Three reasons to support kids playing more

- 1 Researchers say 'free play' and 'outdoor play' can significantly improve children's problem solving skills and connection with nature.
- 2 Regularly playing with their nearby friends helps kids to build community and a sense of belonging.
- 3 If more than half of a child's playtime is physical, it improves their overall wellbeing and resilience.



Find out more about our playgrounds at wellington.govt.nz/play-areas

Pitopito kōrero News

Celebrating two million plants

With the help of thousands of volunteers over the past 20 years, we've collectively planted more than two million plants and trees to make our city greener. In July we held our annual planting event with Parks, Sport and Recreation staff and celebrated this milestone. It's an awesome achievement and a credit to the amazing volunteer mahi, but we're not done yet. The goal is to have reached three million plants by 2030. It's ambitious, but with many hands we know we can do it! Kickstarting that is our new partnership with Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington. Our combined project, Growing our Future, will help with regenerating biodiversity in the Outer Green Belt, all while offsetting carbon and generating new research.



Climate Response Accelerator

Creative HQ's Climate Response Accelerator, supported by Wellington City Council and the first of its kind in the country, is designed to help innovative entrepreneurs develop climate-change solutions. Three Wellington-based teams were selected to take part in the 12-week programme. Tasmalon's focus is on sustainable alternatives to lithium-ion batteries, Hitch is a carpooling platform for commuters, and

Footprint is an app where hospitality and retail sectors can sell surplus, imperfect and short-dated food to prevent waste. Keep an eye out for these climate action innovators in the future! creativehq.co.nz

Playground upgrades

We're continuing to work through our busy programme of play area renewals around the city. The awesome new playground at Pukehuria Park in Newlands opened in July, and the new extension of Matairangi Nature Trail on Mount Victoria is now open as well. We've also recently completed Pembroke Road and Cummings Park play areas - so there are plenty of great new play spots around the city to check out. Meanwhile, work is well underway with the build at Shorland Park in Island Bay, and will be beginning at neighbourhood play areas at Nuku Street in Strathmore, and Elizabeth Street in Mount Victoria over spring.

Wellington Water project update

The Whitmore-Bowen Street rising main upgrade is progressing well with Wellington Water having completed the section on Bowen Street to The Terrace. They've also installed a new gravity wastewater pipe for the new developments at 40 and 44 Bowen Street. Crews are working on the final sections where the new rising main will be connected into the main wastewater pipe that connects to the treatment plant at Moa Point. They are also installing the final section of the rising main on Bowen Street between The Terrace and Lambton Quay. wellingtonwater.co.nz/work-in-your-area/whitmore-street-rising-main



Evans Bay improvements

With the weather warming up, why not take the whānau for a stroll, bike or scooter, and check out the walking and bike paths around Evans Bay. Work at Ōmarukaikuru/Pt Jerningham, on Cobham Drive, and in Kio and Weka bays is complete or very nearly finished, with more improvements in the pipeline.

Detailed design for the 600m section between Weka Bay and Little Karaka Bay is under way. Decisions have to be made about seawall upgrades, but we hope to start construction here by mid-2022. We'll also be seeking feedback in September on draft plans for the stretch between Greta Point and Cobham Drive. transportprojects.org.nz

Have your say on Draft District Plan

We are gearing up to hear your thoughts on the Draft District Plan. This is the rule book for housing and urban development based on the direction that was set by the Spatial Plan earlier this year. Proposed changes include heights up to six storeys around suburban centres and within 10 minutes of train stations, and minimum height settings in Te Aro and into Adelaide Road. Keep an eye on District Plan proposals and have your say. planningforgrowth.wellington.govt.nz

Safer ways to cross

New raised dual-crossings like the new ones (going in) along Miramar Avenue will become increasingly common across Wellington. Approved by Waka Kotahi, they're designed to make intersections safer and easier for cyclists and people on foot. Drivers must give way to anyone using them. But - as with all intersections, crossings and new road layouts - everyone needs to take care. Whether you're running, scooting, biking, walking, or using a wheelchair or mobility device, slow down to ensure you've been seen before crossing.

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Pitopito kōrero News

1,000 affordable rental apartments

Great news for renters. Wellington City Council has committed to delivering 1,000 warm, secure and affordable rental apartments over the next five years. The Te Kāinga programme sees Council partner with private building owners to provide affordable rental apartments. The rents are set to cover the cost of the programme and ensure there is no impact on ratepayers. Apartments are targeted to Wellingtonians working in essential public sector roles, who are on low to medium incomes and do not own their own home. Three new buildings in Boulcott and Willis streets will be coming online from February 2022 with a fourth building to be announced shortly. To be the first to know when these new apartments are available, sign up to our mailing list at wellington.govt.nz/te-kainga-project

Commonspace for youth in city

Located at 113 Taranaki Street, Commonsplace is an inclusive place for young people to engage with the arts and build community with each other. Commonsplace, which opened in July, aims to be an inner city place of being and belonging, learning and connecting. Commonsplace has grown out of a dialogue about the need for young artists, musicians and creatives to feel welcome to create, contribute and collaborate through arts-based activities in Wellington's central city. Funded by Creative NZ and Wellington City Council, the heart of this pilot project, open until mid-October, is the intersection of the Aho Tini 2030 Arts and Culture Strategy, and the Strategy for Children and Young People. common-space.nz



Benefits of biking and being active

Spring is the perfect time to turn over a new leaf and get more active. Walking, jogging or biking are cheap, healthy and reliable ways to get places. So why not take on a challenge and see if your family, flat, or household can incorporate more active or public transport into your lifestyle. Transport is Aotearoa's fastest growing source of carbon emissions - so changing the way we move is by far the most effective way we can personally take action. More than 28,000 Wellingtonians already commute on foot or bike. Join them and you'll reduce your risk of a range of health issues, from heart disease and depression to type-two diabetes, cancer, high blood pressure and obesity. Transport is typically the third highest household expense after housing and food. By walking, running or biking, you'll keep costs down and have more to spend at cafes and shops along the way. Plus you'll get to enjoy more of our wonderful city as the weather warms up.



Tautaiao Eco City

A jewel in Pōneke's crown

Home to Pōneke's largest area of old growth forest and the only public botanic garden in Aotearoa dedicated solely to native plants, Ōtari-Wilton's Bush really is a special place.

But it's much more than just a beautiful location with abundant birdlife and pretty plants. Manager Tim Park describes Ōtari Wilton's Bush as having four key pillars.

The first is it's a place of recreation where people can come and discover the kilometres of varied trails and beautiful native flora.

Secondly, it's a place of education. We have partnerships with schools and organisations who come to learn about nature, as well as being a place where individuals can come to learn and study native plants. Many are inspired with what they might like to do with natives in their garden at home!

It's also a place of research and developing our understanding of nature, with it being a key site for science and mātauranga. We need to know how our streams and forests function naturally if we want to restore them well.

Last but not least, it's a place of conservation. We have collected plants from across the motu and sustain them in our gardens. In some cases, plants in our care have since become extinct in the wild, due to the impact of pests and habitat loss, and many more species are threatened. We are involved in repatriating those species back into the wild where they belong.

The Ōtari Wilton's Bush native plant collection dates back almost 100 years and contains 1,400 species native to Aotearoa and its offshore islands.

Tim says the Lions Ōtari Plant Conservation Laboratory on site plays an important role in preserving the country's native plants. Seeds of threatened species are stored in the seed bank, and either kept in the gardens as a conservation measure or returned to the wild in plant conservation recovery programmes.

We are finding that many native plant seeds are hard to store using conventional methods so we are developing techniques to ensure we can put them away safely for the long term," Tim says.

An example of our conservation work is with maukoro (*Carmichaelia williamsii*). This large flowered native tree broom is sadly now locally extinct in Hicks Bay, and likely functionally extinct in Te Ika a Māui, now only living in self sustaining populations on offshore islands up north. We collected seeds and cuttings from the Hicks Bay plant recently to help return it to the wild.

Tim says another exciting project is the refurbishment of the visitor centre. The team is working with mana whenua to weave together Ōtari stories of tangata whenua and tangata tiriti, to welcome people to the garden.

For more information visit [wellingtongardens.nz/our gardens/ otari wiltons bush](http://wellingtongardens.nz/our-gardens/otari-wiltons-bush)

Be sure to check out the **Ōtari-Wilton's Bush Open Day** on **Saturday 25 September**. There will be guided tours through the gardens and behind the scenes, food, and local artists selling their nature-inspired work.

Tips from the Ōtari-Wilton's Bush team

Rat-proof your compost bin and set a trap to keep vermin away from your home and our native wildlife.

Remove old man's beard and other invasive weeds from your garden and road reserve.

Plant a kōwhai or tōtara tree in your back yard to bring home the tūī and kākā.

Join a local group to help restore a reserve in your neighbourhood.



Ō tātou wāhi Our Places



Unique partnership welcomes support to heart of city

Wellington's new community base, Te Wāhi Āwhina, is helping to make social services and local assistance more accessible for people who live in the central city.

The Pōneke Promise

It is also increasing the safety of Te Aro Park and surrounding areas through an approach centred on manaaki and aroha.

Opposite Te Aro Park and next to the Opera House, Te Wāhi Āwhina opened in May and is part of the Pōneke Promise - a coordinated, community-driven initiative creating collective change to keep our city safe.

This partnership approach is reflected at Te Wāhi Āwhina, where people who drop in are connected to a support service that meets their specific need.

The Police and agencies such as the Ministry of Social Development, DCM, the Salvation Army, Māori Wardens and Wellington Community Law have a regular presence in the space, and love having a central base where they can bring their services to the people who need them.

Pastor Joe, from the Salvation Army, says in the short time since Te Wāhi Āwhina opened, there have been numerous success stories, with people accessing food support, housing and advocacy through the base.



"It's really awesome having a space where everyone can link up and work together. It's a place where the community can drop-in, get information or be referred to services - but most importantly, it's a place where they can come for a cup of tea, a kōrero, and feel heard and supported."

Since the Pōneke Promise was launched with the opening of Te Wāhi Āwhina, there has been a noticeably positive change in the area, and members of the central city community have echoed this shift.

The Pōneke Promise is being delivered with partners across local government, NZ Police and the city's hospitality and retail sectors. Wellington City Council is proud to be part of this collaborative approach, unifying the community and stakeholders while focusing on wellbeing for all city dwellers and users.

A space for the community

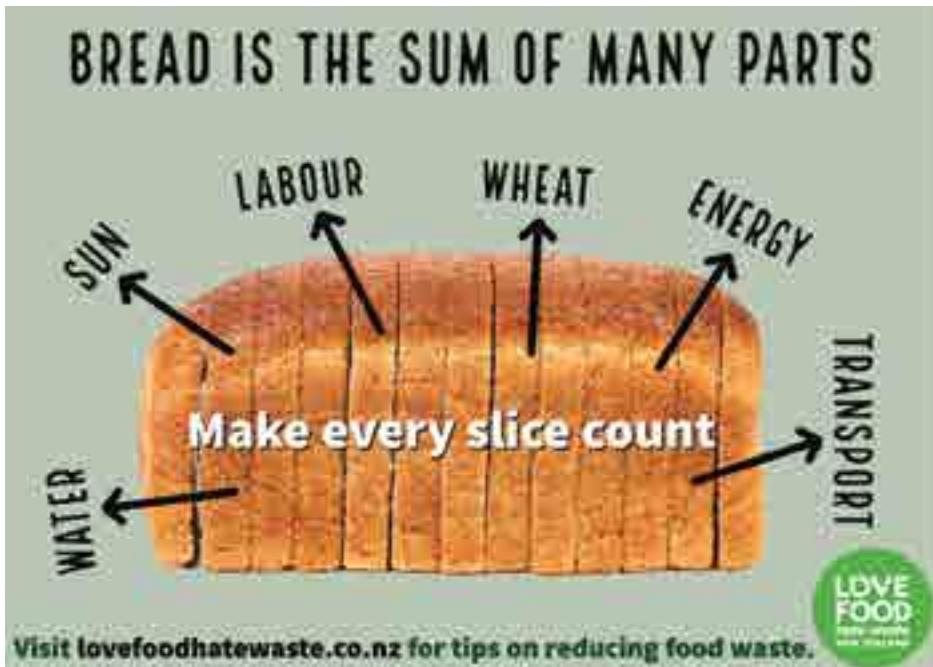
Just a few doors along from Te Wāhi Āwhina, a brand new central city community centre will be opening later this year.

Here, at 107 Manners Street, central city residents will be able to gather and participate in a programme of meaningful events and activities that improve the quality of life in our communities.

This space, alongside neighbouring Te Wāhi Āwhina, will provide a strong foundation for other changes that improve safety, vibrancy and community wellbeing in the area, including upgrades to the surrounding laneways, new art installations, and events in Te Aro Park.

There are also plans under the Pōneke Promise to open an interim youth hub in early 2022. This will be an alcohol free, safe, welcoming space for youth to socialise, play, study, create and feel a sense of belonging in the central city.

To find out more about what we are working on visit wellington.govt.nz/the-poneke-promise



Take climate action today

5 things you can do to help Wellington be net zero carbon



1 Break up with your car

How much of your life can you achieve with your feet, your bike or a bus? Plan ahead for how you can get to places differently. Explore public transport options or car share services. If you have to use a car, set a goal of upgrading to electric.



4 Buy things to last

Before you buy, take time to think about whether you really need that item. Do you already own something similar, or do you have something else that could be repaired? Where possible avoid making throwaway purchases - find out how long an item will last, what it's made from and what will happen to it when you've finished with it.



5 Connect to people and place

Chat with your neighbours and community about how you can all take climate action together. Think about local green spaces and how you can support them. Plant some natives nearby, work on a community garden, create compost.



We're working towards being a net zero carbon capital by 2050, and roughly halving our emissions by 2030 along the way. Here are some ways each of us can take climate action to help achieve this goal.

2 Eat plant based food

Choose a predominantly plant-based diet, reduce your consumption of meat and dairy to low levels, and increase your consumption of plant proteins. Enjoy experimenting with vegetarian recipes - make it a whānau or flat challenge to find the tastiest meals!

Visit wellington.govt.nz/climatechange for more information.



Wellington Gardens

Te Wā o te Kōanga

Spring Festival 2021

The annual Spring Festival at Wellington Gardens is the perfect way to celebrate the season of new beginnings.

Join us for a series of springtime events from **25 September to 3 October**. For more info, visit wellingtongardens.nz/springfestival

Ōtari-Wilton's Bush Open Day

10am-2pm, Sat 25 Sep | Free

The whānau will have a great time at Ōtari's Open Day, with guided tours through the gardens and behind the scenes, food, and artists selling their nature-inspired work.

Gillies Garden-Art-House tour

10am, Sat 25 & Sun 26 Sep

6 Tiniroa Grove, Silverstream

A guided tour of a garden of National Significance, view reception rooms of a Chapman Taylor Cottage, and a 50-year collection of NZ contemporary art. Morning tea included. Cost \$25. Book at wellingtongardens.nz/springfestival

Tulip Sunday

10am-2pm, Sun 26 Sep | Wellington Botanic Garden ki Paekākā

Join the Wellington Dutch Club and Netherlands Embassy to welcome in spring among the tulips on the Soundshell Lawn and at the seasonal flower beds.



Spring Festival Walk

11am, Mon 27 Sep | Wellington Botanic Garden ki Paekākā

Enjoy an easy 75-minute walk among the spring flowers in the Main Garden. Meet at the Founders' Entrance, Glenmore Street. Cost \$5 (cash only).

Gillies Garden-Art-House tour

10.30am, Mon 27 & Tue 28 Sep

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A guided tour of a garden of National Significance, view reception rooms of a Chapman Taylor Cottage, and see a 50-year collection of NZ contemporary art. Cost \$20. Book at wellingtongardens.nz/springfestival

Growing secrets

1.30pm-2.30pm, Tue 28 Sep | Wellington Botanic Garden ki Paekākā | Free

See how the plants for the Begonia House are grown and meet some of the tiny helpers that get rid of our insect pests. Meet at the Treehouse. Book at wellingtongardens.nz/springfestival

Government House garden tours

10.30am-12pm & 1pm-2.30pm, Thu 30 Sep & Fri 1 Oct | Free

Enjoy a guided tour of the grounds at Government House in Newtown. Places must be booked in advance at gg.govt.nz/tours/upcoming. Tours involve hills and stairs. Tailored tours available for restricted mobility and other special requirements through bookings@govthouse.govt.nz

Tiptoe through the Tombstones

2pm, Sat 2 Oct | Bolton Street Cemetery ki Paekākā

Join the Friends of Bolton Street Cemetery for a one-hour walk exploring graves of well-known early Wellingtonians and interesting gravestones. Meet at Kinross Street entrance. Cost \$10. Book at wellingtongardens.nz/springfestival

Make sure to check online

For all events, please go online for the latest Alert Level status, as well as checking the event's website or social media page for up-to-date venue and entry information.

Meet the beekeeper

10.30am-12.30pm, Sat 2 Oct | Wellington Botanic Garden ki Paekākā | Free

Meet a beekeeper, learn fun facts about bees, and taste some delicious honey at the Treehouse Visitor Centre.



Katherine Mansfield's 'Miss Brill'

11am, Sat 2 & Sun 3 Oct | Wellington Botanic Garden ki Paekākā | Free

Free readings of Katherine Mansfield's short story 'Miss Brill' in the Begonia House, presented by Katherine Mansfield House & Garden.

Pepped Warbeck Garden guided tour

10am, 1pm & 3pm, Sun 3 Oct
654 Ohariu Valley Road, Johnsonville

Constructed 30 years ago, Pepped Warbeck Garden owner Fee Weaver has created a garden of great beauty and tranquillity with a constantly changing array of unusual plants from October to March. Cost \$8. Book at wellingtongardens.nz/springfestival

Ngā mahi whakangahau

Put it on the calendar

Check out some of the exciting events we're supporting over the spring months. For more, visit wellington.govt.nz/events

Term time activities

11am-11.30am, Mon-Fri | Capital E | Free
From Baby Rock & Rhyme to Science Jam with Professor Inventus, every weekday during term time children aged 5 and under can enjoy creative activities at PlayHQ. capitale.org.nz

Weekend Art Tours

12.15pm, Sat & Sun | City Gallery | Free
Be inspired by contemporary art with a free 45-minute tour of our latest exhibitions. citygallery.org.nz

Conservation Kōrero

6.30pm-7.30pm, Wed 1 Sep, Wed 6 Oct & Wed 3 Nov | Zealandia

Listen to experts talk about the connection between nature and hauora/health and wellbeing. Ask questions and enjoy light refreshments. visitzealandia.com

Tuatara Open Late

5pm-10pm, Thu 2 Sep, Thu 7 Oct
City Gallery | Koha

Art, music, films, artist talks, beer, wine and food. Enjoy this ever-changing programme of late-night events on the first Thursday of the month.

citygallery.org.nz

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Saddleback at Zealandia. Photo by Janice McKenna

Conservation Week at Zealandia

Sat 4-Sun 12 Sep | Zealandia

Connect with taiao/nature during Te Wiki Tiaki Ao Tūroa/Conservation Week, with many events from mindfulness at dawn to after-mahi expert talks. Plus gold coin entry on 4 & 5 Sep. visitzealandia.com

Beginners Weaving Classes

1pm-4pm, Sat 4, 11, 18, 25 Sep & 2, 9 Oct
6pm-9pm, Tue 7, 14, 21, 28 Sep & 5, 12 Oct
Ōtari-Wilton's Bush

An introduction to raranga (weaving) with harakeke (flax), this class aims to spread knowledge of traditional weaving and healing practices utilising native plants at Ōtari-Wilton's Bush. Bookings essential. Cost \$10 or koha for Community Services Card holders. facebook.com/otarirangaweavers

Dads travel free Day

Sun 5 Sep | Cable Car

All dads travel free with fare paying children on Father's Day. Enjoy family activities at the Cable Car summit! wellingtoncablecar.co.nz

The Art of Ikebana

10am-3pm, Wed 8-Wed 15 Sep | Wellington Botanic Garden ki Paekākā | Free

Discover the art of Japanese flower arranging with an exhibition by Ikebana Wellington in the Begonia House. Demonstrations daily at 11am & 1pm. wellingtongardens.nz

Gallery Babes

11am & 1pm, Tue 14 Sep, Tue 19 Oct
City Gallery | Free

Bring the baby and enjoy a guided tour of our current exhibitions, followed by a complimentary morning tea. Best suited to those with babies up to 12 months. Booking is essential. citygallery.org.nz

Gallery Seniors

11am, Wed 15 Sep, Wed 20 Oct
City Gallery | Free

A talk and tour for those aged 65+. Join us for a guided look at our current exhibitions, followed by a complimentary morning tea. Booking is essential. citygallery.org.nz

Conversations about Contemporary Art

12pm, Fri 17 Sep, Fri 22 Oct
City Gallery | Koha

Attend a short, entertaining tour of our current exhibitions, analyse and debate art, and discuss delightful and curly questions along the way. citygallery.org.nz

The Great Kererū Count

Fri 17-Sun 26 Sep | Free

Get your friends and whānau involved in this great citizen science project. You just need to go for a stroll, take note of how many kererū you see and add the total into the iNaturalist app. greatkererucount.nz

NZIA City Talks

6pm, Mon 20 Sep, Mon 18 Oct
City Gallery | Koha

City Talks is an ongoing series presented in partnership with New Zealand Institute of Architects Wellington Branch. citygallery.org.nz

Haitus Kaiyote

Sat 25 Sep | The Opera House

The popular jazz funk band, hailing from Melbourne, is hitting Wellington for a special show. wellingtonnz.com

Waterfront Pop-Up Village

Mon 27 Sep-Sun 17 Oct
Waterfront, near Te Papa

A unique retail precinct featuring shipping containers, filled with local art, apparel, jewellery, homeware, and more.



Conversations about Contemporary Art

World of WearableArt

Awards Show

Thu 30 Sep-Sun 17 Oct | TSB Arena

Escape to another world where incredible works of wearable art come to life in a spectacular stage show. worldofwearableart.com



Collide-o-Scope, Vicky Robertson, New Zealand
Image courtesy of World of WearableArt Ltd

Silent Spring Revisited

6.30pm, Sat 25 Sep & 3pm, Sun 26 Sep

Linden Community Centre

Jan Bolwell is touring with her custom-built theatre piece and work based on the seminal environmental book by Rachel Carson. Tickets from eventfinda.co.nz

Te Wiki Kaumātua - Seniors' Week

Fri 1-Fri 8 Oct | Various locations

Enjoy a packed line-up of community-led events. This year's theme, Across Generations, aims to connect people from all generations and backgrounds. wellington.govt.nz/seniorsweek

School Holidays at Capital E

Sat 2-Sat 16 Oct | Capital E

There's something to interest all children aged 0-12. For tamariki aged 5 and under, visit PlayHQ's, Home is Where the Art is, featuring a giant playhouse. capitale.org.nz

School holiday hangout

Sat 2-Sun 17 Oct | Zealandia

Looking for some nature-inspired fun? Celebrate spring with a mix of performance, craft, and drop-in sessions. Kids entry is free during the holidays! visitzealandia.com

NZ Opera presents *Morpheus*

Wed 6-Sat 9 Oct | The Opera House

The NZ Opera blend rich storytelling traditions with the themes of Greek tragedy. nzopera.com

Lumino City

Fri 15-Sat 16 Oct | Wellington Waterfront

New Zealand's largest light festival with spectacular light displays and installations. wellingtonlanternfestival.co.nz

The Guilty Feminist Live

Thu 21 Oct | Michael Fowler Centre

Join host Deborah Frances-White and special guests to discuss 21st century feminism. wellingtonnz.com

Delta Goodrem

Fri 22 Oct | Michael Fowler Centre

Australian superstar singer songwriter Delta Goodrem will kick off her three-show Aotearoa tour. wellingtonnz.com

Wellington Diwali Festival

1.30pm-9pm, Mon 25 Oct | TSB Bank Arena and Shed 6

The celebrated and diverse festival returns on Labour Day with performances, craft, stalls, workshops and authentic Indian cuisine. wellington.govt.nz/diwali

Wellington Heritage Week

Mon 25-Sun 31 Oct | Various locations

Experience Wellington's people, places and stories with events happening around the capital. wellingtonheritageweek.co.nz

Semi Permanent 2021

Wed 27-Fri 29 Oct | Michael Fowler Centre

Semi Permanent, the leading global festival of business, design and creativity, comes to Wellington. semipermanent.com

Virtuoso Piano

Sat 30 Oct | Michael Fowler Centre

World class Orchestra Wellington bring you works from Rachmaninoff and Brahms with pianist Jian Liu. orchestrawellington.co.nz

Cable Car Halloween Party

Sun 31 Oct | Cable Car

A spook-tacular Halloween Party with Fairy Trina, thrilling stories, and trick or treating in haunted woods. wellingtoncablecar.co.nz

Surrealist Art masterpieces

Until Sun 31 Oct | Te Papa

A world-famous art collection from Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen. tepapa.govt.nz

Verb Readers & Writers Festival

Wed 3-Sun 7 Nov | Various locations

Gather for conversation, performances, masterclasses, showcases, bespoke house visits and more with some of Aotearoa's most luminous writers. verbwellington.nz

Guns N' Roses

Fri 19 Nov | Sky Stadium

Guns N' Roses bring rock to the stadium. skystadium.co.nz

NZSO Solemnis

Fri 26 Nov | Michael Fowler Centre

Russian conductor Vasily Petrenko returns to New Zealand to conduct Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis*. nzso.co.nz

Arts and Social Change Wānanga

Fri 26-Sun 28 Nov | Toi Pōneke Arts Centre

During this three-day wānanga, artists, writers, academics, politicians and activists will work to make some concrete actions towards a more equitable future. toiponeke.nz

Community Garden Open Day

Sat 27 Nov (Sat 4 Dec rain day)

The city's community gardens will open their gates for one Saturday in spring to showcase their people and plants.

A Very Welly Christmas

12pm, Sat 27 & Sun 28 Nov

Lambton Quay | Free

Celebrate Christmas in the capital with a host of free, whānau-friendly activities. wellington.govt.nz/wellyxmas





IMAGE: Judy Millar. Photo: Trap 2020.

Judy Millar: Action Movie

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Hidden gems



Secret places to discover in Pōneke

Trek into tranquillity at Te Ara Paparāngi

Not many people know that Te Ara Paparāngi has arguably the best views of Wellington Harbour. It's a bonus that it's an easy, all ages walk along the Harbour Escarpment from Waihinahina Park in Newlands. Enjoy the tranquillity of the forest and stop at viewpoints along the way.

Enjoy a peaceful picnic at Ōtari Wilton's Bush

Lunch in a remarkable glade surrounded by nothing but native trees and peace? Sounds like a pretty good spring activity we think. Barbecues are available for use and there are toilet facilities, as well as fresh tap water. Take the blue trail to find Moko, a majestic 800 year old rimu!

Discover epic views at Oku Street Reserve

Views for days! Head to Oku Street Reserve to see over Ōwhiro Bay, Sinclair Head and, on a clear day, the Kaikōura Range in the South Island. The steps to get to the top are worth it.

Check out the cherry blossoms

Katherine Mansfield Park in Thorndon comes up pretty in pink at this time of the year. Take a wander and enjoy the beautiful cherry blossoms while they last.

Find the magical Fairy Garden

Tucked away in the Wellington Botanic Garden ki Paekākā, there is a magical Fairy Village waiting to be found. It's the perfect excuse to run away with the fairies and spend an afternoon exploring the gardens.

Absolutely positively wild about plants

When asked how Wellington has changed over the years, Anita Benbrook doesn't hesitate. "It's a lot greener than it used to be."

This fact delights Anita - an absolute plant lover - and she can take a fair bit of the credit.

Anita is Wellington City Council's Biodiversity Specialist in Plants. In the Urban Ecology team, her key role is advising on what to plant, and where, and after 34 years with the organisation, she's pretty darn good at it.

"Day to day the bulk of the work I do is restoration planting. It's looking across our reserve network and connecting them up, like the outer green belt. We look out about 10 years ahead of time, trying to piece these green areas together."

She has a strong focus on identifying threatened species in the Pōneke region and working to recover them, as well as restoring our coastal dunes, helping to make them more resilient in storms.



20^{周年纪念} twenty one
Celebrating our people

The mother of two teens began her stint with Wellington City Council in 1987, spending her first 14 years working at Ōtari-Wilton's Bush.

"Within a week of being there the person above me left, so I started out in charge of the crew straight away."

Back then, Ōtari-Wilton's Bush didn't have its own dedicated crew and the reserve was "pretty understaffed and under-resourced".

She says eventually full-time permanent staff were assigned to Ōtari and the unique native reserve got the attention it deserved.

Anita grew up in Miramar and attended Worser Bay School, Evans Bay Intermediate School, and Wellington East Girls College. She then studied at Massey University and completed correspondence courses.

Her passion for plants and all things outdoorsy - she loves tramping and hunting - began young.

"Mum was a super-keen vege gardener. I used to always help her out and was super-keen on her flower garden too. Both my mum and her mum were the ones who really inspired me into gardening."

Anita says the increase in native wildlife that has gone hand in hand with the move to becoming a greener city has been remarkable.

"We were losing a lot of biodiversity at one stage. A big change happened when animal pest control began at Ōtari in 1995. Prior to that there were no more than one-to-two kererū around and not many tūī."

Over an initial three nights trapping, 800 possums were caught.

"In a really short time, the kererū population just started to boom. Nowadays you can see tūī all around the city - it's just amazing. That's one of the best things that's happened to Wellington."

Anita says none of this would have been possible without Pōneke's 120 volunteer planting groups that contribute to creating a greener city for future generations.

A recent highlight for Anita was planting the city's two millionth plant following a 20-year programme. Another has been creating two informative Wellington-focused planting booklets, which can be found at wellington.govt.nz/planting-guides.

Other satisfying projects in the past were working on the Ōtari redevelopment project which included building the bridge that links the two garden areas, many seed collecting trips around New Zealand adding

species to the Ōtari gardens, working with the many community planting groups, and recently a planting day with Taranaki Whānui to beautify their urupā.

Anita is a keen cyclist, having recently cycled the length of Aotearoa, and has in the past represented New Zealand in target shooting.

When it comes to all things green, Anita doesn't discriminate, saying "it doesn't matter if it's native or exotic, I just love plants full stop".



It's 2021, so we're sharing stories about 21 of our people who have worked at Council for 20 years or more. Check them out at wellington.govt.nz/20twentyone

Mahi toi Capital arts

Coming up at Toi Pōneke Gallery

Claire Harris *Wound Whistled Air*

Sat 4 Sep-Fri 1 Oct

Three new video works riffing on weird tales, cinema of unease, and camp horror to draw out the moments before collapse into terror or laughter. Living from breath to breath *Wound Whistled Air* is both proof of life and a fatal injury. The ULTIMATE in SUSPENSE.

Max Fleury and Anna Brimer

Be the hero of your own movie

Sat 9 Oct-Fri 5 Nov

Pack your bags for an exhibition of vlogs, photography and collage! Anna Brimer and Max Fleury go on holiday at top tourist destinations and Airbnbs, visiting the visited and photographing the photographed.

Stevei Houkāmau *Rongorongo Tapairu*

Sat 13 Nov-Fri 10 Dec

Stevei Houkāmau is the 2021 Toi Pōneke Visual Artist in Residence. Houkāmau's Uku (Māori Ceramic Art) practice is distinctive for its carved surface designs that draw upon Tā Moko and Tātau. Her exhibition *Rongorongo Tapairu* springs from research into the matriarchal lines within her whakapapa. By acknowledging and celebrating her whakapapa Houkāmau unwraps narratives that will be retold through uku, projection and soundscape.

Visit toiponeke.nz

Coming up at City Gallery Wellington

Pierre Huyghe *Human Mask*

Until Sun 31 Oct

Human Mask (2014), a film by Pierre Huyghe stars a monkey wearing a dress and a young-girl mask. Sometimes the creature seems almost human, sometimes very monkey. Many of Huyghe's works deal with our relationship to animals and require us to take a wider 'more than human' view.

Brett Graham *Tai Moana Tai Tangata*

Until Sun 31 Oct

Brett Graham (Ngāti Koroki Kahukura, Tainui) is known for his large-scale sculptures exploring indigenous histories, politics, and philosophies. The show, which will feature sculpture and videos by Graham, will be accompanied by a programme of New Zealand films addressing the Land Wars and their aftermath, organised in partnership with Ngā Taonga, Wellington.

Tia Ranginui *Gonville Gothic*

Until Sun 31 Oct

In her new series *Tua o Tāwauwau/Away with the Fairies* (2020), Whanganui photographer Tia Ranginui (Ngāti Hine Oneone) addresses patupaiarehe - in Māori myth, they were the first people of New Zealand. The show also includes images from previous series *Hours between Sleep* (2016), and images of Whanganui's Savage Club and during the flood of the Whanganui River in 2015.

Judy Millar *Action Movie*

Until Sun 31 Oct

Millar famously 'paints backwards', wiping paint off her canvases to create exaggerated, hyperactive brushstrokes that seem to float in illusionistic space. *Action Movie* presents Millar's paintings in conversation with two 'direct' films inspired by abstract expressionism, both made by painting directly onto film stock.

Visit citygallery.org.nz

Courtenay Place Park light boxes

Deanna Dowling

Standing still, still standing

Sat 2 Oct-Mon 24 Jan 2022

Standing still, still standing is a photographic project exploring modern architectural value systems. The exhibition invites viewers to consider the relationships between people, place and structure.

From top
Brett Graham,
Maungārongo ki te Whenua Maungārongo ki te Tangata, 2020.

Claire Harris, *Medium Glove*, 2020.

Deanna Dowling, *Standing still, still standing*, 2021.



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Kaupapa pūtea Funding

We have a range of funding available for community groups and projects to help make our city a better place.

If you have applied for funding at the Council before, you may notice that the funding portal looks a bit different. From early September, we are making changes to make applying for funding more user-friendly. For help please contact our Funding team at funding@wcc.govt.nz

Social and Recreation Fund

This fund supports community projects which make the city safer, more resilient and connected. **Closes 20 October 2021.**

Arts and Culture Fund

This fund supports arts and cultural projects in the city. **Closes 20 October 2021.**

Waste Minimisation Seed Fund (over \$2,000)

This fund supports the development of innovative solutions for reducing waste. **Closes 20 October 2021.**

Te Atakura - Climate and Sustainability Fund

This is a new fund which will support community projects that reduce carbon emissions. It is for community groups and residents who want to take action towards climate change mitigation efforts at the neighbourhood, community, and business levels.

Contact our funding team for more information or to talk through your idea for a project, and check our calendar for closing dates. Visit wellington.govt.nz/funding

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Council, committee and community board meetings

Council and Committee meetings are livestreamed via our YouTube page, so please tune in at youtube.com/WgtnCC. You are also welcome to attend any meeting listed here, depending on the COVID Alert Level.

- 2 September**
9.30am - Social, Cultural and Economic Committee
- 6 September**
9.30am - Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee
- 8 September**
9.30am - Regulatory Processes Committee
- 9 September**
9.30am - Infrastructure Committee
7pm - Makara/Ohariu Community Board
7pm - Tawa Community Board
- 15 September**
9.30am - Audit and Risk Subcommittee
- 16 September**
9.30am - Finance and Performance Committee
- 22 September**
9.30am - CEO Performance Review Committee
- 23 September**
9.30am - Planning and Environment Committee
- 29 September**
9.30am - Annual Plan/Long Term Plan Committee
- 30 September**
9.30am - Council
- 7 October**
9.30am - Social, Cultural and Economic Committee
- 13 October**
9.30am - Regulatory Processes Committee
1.30pm - Grants Subcommittee
- 14 October**
9.30am - Infrastructure Committee
7pm - Tawa Community Board
- 20 October**
9.30am - Annual Plan/Long Term Plan Committee
- 21 October**
9.30am - Finance and Performance Committee
7pm - Makara/Ohariu Community Board
- 27 October**
9.30am - Planning and Environment Committee
- 28 October**
9.30am - Council
- 4 November**
9.30am - Social, Cultural and Economic Committee
- 8 November**
9.30am - Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee
- 10 November**
9.30am - Regulatory Processes Committee
- 11 November**
9.30am - Infrastructure Committee
7pm - Tawa Community Board
- 17 November**
9.30am - Annual Plan/Long Term Plan Committee
- 18 November**
9.30am - Finance and Performance Committee
- 24 November**
9.30am - Planning and Environment Committee
- 25 November**
9.30am - Council

All meetings take place at Council headquarters, 113 The Terrace, or in the suburbs for community board meetings.

Te Koromatua me ngā Kaikaunihera

The Mayor and Councillors

The people who represent you

Wellington City Councillors are elected by Wellington residents every three years. Their role is to represent the views of residents and help the Council make the best decisions for the city. Not sure which ward you're in? Visit wellington.govt.nz/wards

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